



NEWSLETTER

May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderfully busy and rewarding half term it has been at Chesterfield! As we reach this midpoint in the summer term, I want to express my immense pride in our entire school community.

I'm particularly delighted to commend our Year 6 pupils for their exceptional resilience and amazing attitudes during SATs week. They approached the tests with such determination and focus, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts.

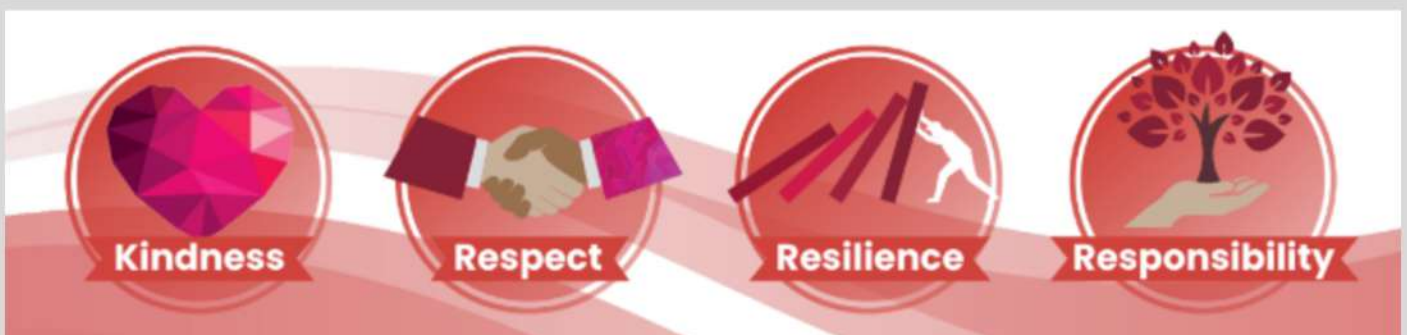
Our Year 3, Year 4, and Year 5 pupils have also had fantastic opportunities this half term, with engaging educational visits to various museums. These trips have brilliantly complemented their learning in the foundation subjects, bringing their classroom studies to life in exciting ways. Beyond the classroom, we've seen incredible energy during our Intrasports events, fostering teamwork and healthy competition. There have also been enriching workshops taking place in school, offering our children unique and valuable learning experiences.

And of course, behind all of these exciting events, the most important work has been taking place: the wonderful learning that happens every single day in every single classroom. The dedication of our staff and the enthusiasm of our pupils continue to make Chesterfield such a vibrant and inspiring place to learn and grow.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break. I look forward to seeing you all again when school starts back on **Tuesday 3 June at 8:45am.**

Kind regards

Sarah Roberts
Headteacher



NEWS FROM EARLY YEARS

NURSERY

In nursery the children have been developing control and dexterity while learning how to move water from one container to another. They have used pipes, jugs, funnels and other resources for collecting and moving the water. With the lovely weather that we have been having recently, this has been a very popular activity!



RECEPTION

Reception have been busy embarking on a fascinating journey into the world of plant life! Over the past few weeks, the children have enthusiastically participated in planting their very own seeds. They have learned about what seeds need to grow – sunshine, water, and a little bit of care. The children have taken on the responsibility of watering their seedlings and ensuring they get enough light, developing a real sense of ownership. This hands-on experience has not only introduced them to the life cycle of a plant but has also sparked curiosity about the natural world around them. They've been asking insightful questions and making careful observations.

The children also recently embarked on an exciting and imaginative journey deep into the heart of the jungle during a fantastic drama workshop! The air was filled with the sounds of exotic animals as the children transformed into playful monkeys, slithering snakes, roaring tigers, and graceful elephants. The workshop provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to work collaboratively, listen attentively to instructions, and build their social skills as they interacted with their peers in character.



YEAR 1

This half term, our Year 1 pupils delved into the history of VE Day, culminating in a fantastic art project. Drawing on their artistic skills and newfound knowledge, they created evocative silhouette drawings. Using black chalk, they expertly depicted what London might have looked like during World War Two, carefully creating a "smokey" appearance. The children thoroughly enjoyed the process and were thrilled with the striking results of their hard work.



YEAR 2

This half-term, our Year 2 scientists have been truly hands-on, embarking on an exciting journey to understand the fascinating world of plant growth! To really grasp what plants need to thrive, we started by planting various seeds. A key part of our investigation involved tomato seeds, which we carefully planted under different conditions. The children meticulously observed and predicted which conditions would lead to successful germination, demonstrating wonderful scientific inquiry. It was a fantastic lesson in patience and observation as we waited for those first green shoots to emerge! Once our seedlings are strong enough to venture out, we'll transplant them into our school garden, eagerly anticipating the arrival of delicious, home-grown tomatoes. The children have absolutely loved getting their hands dirty and connecting with nature in our outdoor learning spaces.



YEAR 3

This half term, our Year 3 pupils enjoyed an enriching and memorable educational visit to the fantastic Natural History Museum. Their journey of discovery focused on understanding volcanoes and earthquakes, providing a fantastic complement to their learning in the classroom. The children were captivated by the exhibits, but the undeniable favourite was the realistic earthquake simulation. This unique experience allowed them to feel the ground shake beneath their feet, providing a real insight into the immense power of an earthquake. The visit was a brilliant way to deepen their scientific understanding and spark their curiosity about our planet.

Back at school, Year 3 enjoyed taking part in a live online workshop with the Natural History Museum, where they further developed their understanding of tectonic plates and volcanic eruptions.



YEAR 4

We had an amazing time on our recent trip to the National Gallery! We explored incredible artworks from different periods, learning about famous artists and their unique styles. We even got to draw our own versions of our favourite paintings, showcasing our new understanding of art. It was a truly inspiring day filled with discovery and appreciation for the arts!





YEAR 5

This half term, our Year 5 pupils embarked on a captivating historical journey to the Victorian Ragged School Museum. The children thoroughly enjoyed this unique and interactive experience, where they actively learned about the stark differences between Victorian school life and their own daily routines. From stern teachers to cramped classrooms, they were able to directly compare the educational experiences, prompting many thoughtful discussions about social history. It was a memorable visit that brought the past to life!



YEAR 6

We have had a very busy half term in Year 6! The children were exemplary during their SATs and we are immensely proud of how they approached the week with maturity and a positive attitude. To celebrate the end of SATs, we spent the afternoon in the park with ice lollies, had a film morning and arts and crafts afternoon which were enjoyed by all! We are continuing to focus on our learning and planning our end of term events, including the Year 6 production and leaver's disco. We also have a visit to the theatre to see a matinee performance of Matilda and a bowling trip to look forward to!



PACKHAM AND THUNBERG CLASSES

Our children in Packham and Thunberg classes had a fantastic real-world learning experience this half term with a special visit to the Silver Service Cafe! The children were brilliant, learning all about the practical ins and outs of ordering and paying for food in a cafe setting. We all thoroughly enjoyed a delicious hot chocolate and buttered toast, and we were so impressed by their impeccable manners throughout the visit. Building on this practical outing, back at school, the children then took charge! As part of our Maths Day celebration, they brilliantly designed, set up, and ran their very own cafe, applying their new understanding of transactions and customer service in a fun and engaging way.



RAINBOW CLASS

This term in Rainbow class, pupils were taught about Amazing Animals. They were taught that there are different species of animals such as jungle animals, pets, farm animals, sea creatures and minibeasts. Pupils were taught that you can find out facts about animals by researching on the internet or simply by visiting a library. The pupils had fun visiting our school library and searching for non-fiction books on animals.

Pupils also enjoyed hearing different fiction stories about animals especially Rainbow Fish where pupils were taught about kindness and sharing.



VE Day 8 May 2025

This half term, our school was alive with a spirit of reflection and gratitude as we commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Around the school, we proudly displayed bunting and special exhibits, serving as a visual reminder of this historic milestone. Our pupils took part in the VE 80 Great Big Live Assembly and observed the national two minutes' silence, truly grasping the importance of the occasion. In their classrooms, they delved into a variety of engaging activities designed to explore the meaning of VE Day and honour the extraordinary courage and sacrifice of those who lived through World War Two.



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8 MAY 2025



NATIONAL NUMERACY DAY 2025



Here at Chesterfield, we were thrilled to participate in National Numeracy Day on May 21st, joining schools across the country in celebrating the power and importance of numbers! This year's theme, focusing on money, provided a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to connect their learning with real-world financial understanding.

Mathematics is a fundamental part of our school curriculum, and a strong foundation in maths is absolutely essential for success across a vast array of subjects. From unlocking the mysteries of science and engineering to understanding the principles of economics and the logic of computer science, mathematical literacy is the key.

Beyond the classroom, mathematics also teaches invaluable problem-solving skills that are vital in everyday life. Whether it's managing a budget, making informed financial decisions, or analysing data to understand the world around us, mathematical skills are truly crucial for navigating the complexities of modern life. Our pupils enjoyed engaging in a variety of fun and practical numeracy activities throughout the day, reinforcing these vital skills and showcasing just how exciting and relevant maths can be!



INTRASPORTS

This week, our highly anticipated Intrasports event ignited a passion for physical activity and boosted the health and wellbeing across all year groups! Children embraced the opportunity to engage in a diverse carousel of sports, fostering both individual skill and team spirit. Divided into distinct colour-coded teams, pupils enthusiastically participated in a wide array of activities including the strategic aim of curling, the athletic launch of javelin, dynamic football skills drills, and many other exciting challenges. It was a wonderful display of teamwork, effort, and the joy of movement, all contributing to a healthy and active school community!



100% ATTENDANCE BREAKFAST

Children who achieved 100% attendance this half term were invited to a special breakfast to celebrate this fantastic achievement! We were absolutely delighted to recognise their dedication and consistency.

We love seeing our pupils in school every day, thriving in their learning environment! Consistent attendance is incredibly important for every child's success and overall wellbeing. Each day at school is packed with exciting lessons, engaging discussions, and hands-on activities that build knowledge and confidence. Being present every day helps children develop strong friendships, feel a vital part of our school community, and truly flourish academically, socially, and emotionally. We truly appreciate your amazing support in helping your child enjoy the full benefits of school every single day!

100%



Attendance

Attendance so far this academic year:



YR	89%
Y1	93%
Y2	91%
Y3	94%
Y4	94%
Y5	94%
Y6	94%

Attendance Matters

We are committed to working with children and parents/carers to achieve our overall attendance target of 96%. As set out in our attendance policy, we will work with families to identify the reasons for poor attendance and try to resolve any difficulties. Early intervention will be a priority moving forward. Every school day counts. Unfortunately we are unable to authorise holidays during term time. We understand that emergency situations may arise and if you wish to request a Leave of Absence due to an exceptional circumstance you should make a request to the Headteacher using the 'Request for leave during term time' form. The local authority may choose to issue a fine for unauthorised holidays taken during term time.

Our Whole-School Attendance Target is 96%



SUMMER TERM REMINDERS



As we look forward to the warmer weather of the Summer term, we want to remind you of a few important things to help keep children safe and comfortable during the school day. Please ensure that sun cream is applied to your child before they come to school each day. To help us maintain a safe environment, please do not send sun cream into school with your child.

It's also essential that your child brings a named water bottle to school every day to stay hydrated throughout the day. Please also provide them with a sun hat to protect them during outdoor activities and breaks.

Finally, a reminder about footwear: for health and safety reasons, all children must continue to wear suitable footwear. This means black trainers or black shoes only. Crocs, flip-flops, and other open-toed shoes are not permitted as they do not provide adequate protection during activities and movement around the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a safe and healthy Summer term for everyone.



**Walk, do not ride
or scoot on the
playground**

**We do not allow bikes or
scooters to be ridden on site**

**Children and adults should dismount at the school gate,
park bikes and scooters and walk into school**

**At the end of the day, scooters should not be ridden until
you leave the school premises**

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Term Dates

2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024	
Inset Day	Monday 2 September 2024
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 September 2024
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 September 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024
Inset Day	Monday 4 November 2024
Start of second half term	Tuesday 5 November
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 December 2024
Spring Term 2025	
First Day of Term	Monday 6 January 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2025
Start of second half term	Monday 24 February 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 4 April 2025
Summer Term 2025	
First Day of Term	Tuesday 22 April 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May 2025
Half Term	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025
Inset Day	Monday 2 June 2025
Start of second half term	Tuesday 3 June 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 July 2025

2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025	
INSET DAY	Monday 1st September 2025
INSET DAY	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
First Day of Term	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Half Term	Monday 27th – Friday 31st October 2025
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 3rd November 2025
Last Day of Term	Friday 19th December 2025 Finish at 1.30pm
Spring Term 2026	
INSET DAY	Monday 5th January 2026
First Day of Term	Tuesday 6th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 20th February 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 27th March 2026 Finish at 1.30pm
Summer Term 2026	
INSET DAY	Monday 13th April 2026
First Day of Term	Tuesday 14th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026
Start of Second Half Term	Monday 1st June 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 17th July 2026

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A message from Perform Workshops:



Perform visited EYFS at Chesterfield on Friday 16th May. The children explored the theme of Jungle Rumble and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, we offer a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of Jungle Rumble. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the Jungle Rumble theme.

We run regular weekly classes in the local area and we are offering a special introductory discount to all families of Chesterfield School if you come along for a free trial session before Saturday 5th July. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting HFIE050725 or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.

Here are some of the nearest Perform classes to your school:

Perform Chingford

(3 miles)

Mondays at 4pm

Chingford United Reformed Church

2b Buxton Road,
E4 7DP

Perform Goffs Oak

(3.6 miles)

Thursdays at 4pm

Go Hub

The Go Hub,
EN7 5ET

Perform Winchmore Hill

(3.9 miles)

Saturdays at 9.30am

Eversley Primary School

Chaseville Park Road,
N21 1PD

Perform Buckhurst Hill

(4 miles)

Tuesdays at 4pm

St Johns Church Hall

St Johns Parish Office,
IG9 5RX

Perform Loughton

(4 miles)

Wednesdays at 4pm

St Mary's Church

201 High Road,
IG10 1BB

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).